

Quite a number of farmers are reporting that they are "out of the grass," in spite of the unfavorable weather.

If our farmer friends will come forth as numerous with water-melons, canteloupes and elbertas as they have with cotton blossoms, the editor will be in clover this summer.

It's pretty difficult to get weather that is just right for both corn and cotton. The best thing we can do is to be content with the brand that is handed us, always doing our best with the crops.

When a man is left with a lot of motherless children on his hands, he usually scatters them among his relatives. If it is the woman who is left with fatherless little ones, she keeps them together and earns a living besides. Women develop a great energy when left without a man. In fact, all the widows we know are getting along a great deal better than the married women.

Trying to do too much is the kilture of the farm woman. There is no limit to the things that some women will try to do until they reach the break down, and even then it is hard for some of them to see their own foolishness. There is joy in living and there is joy in working when we are not trying to do more than we are able to accomplish.

To three of the large fashionable woman's clubs of Chicago, the stork has paid the past year only one visit. The three clubs have a membership of more than 2000 woman. Among 460 members of the Omaha Womans club only one has become a mother during the past year. This shows where race suicide is in operation—it's among the "upper" classes.

A subscriber once received a dun through the postoffice, and it made him mad. He went to see the editor who showed him a few duns of his own, one for paper, one for type, one for fuel and several others. "Now" said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out, then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.

Occasionally—we are proud to say very seldom—one hears young men make slight remarks of passing ladies. One writer has said: "As a man grows up he obtains his ideas of woman kind from his own mother and sister, and in after life estimates other women's virtues or short comings by those he has been intimately associated with in all childhood. Beware! Beware! young man. Your remarks does her no injury, but lowers you in the estimation of every gentleman. To the pure all is pure; to the evil all is evil."

If negro enumerators are appointed in the South their successors will have less negroes to enumerate. Enumerators have the right to enter any home and when a negro official enters the home of some white men, right there Mr. Nigger will require the services of an undertaker. The very idea of a negro walking to the front door of a white man and asking white ladies how many are in the family, age, etc., is simply out of the question and just as sure as negroes are appointed just so sure there will be a few dead years.

# The Pickens County Fair.

Though not much has been said recently bearing upon the Pickens County Fair and the work of the Fair Association, yet this organization is one of the most valuable assets of Pickens County judged from the standpoint of advertisement, and it becomes every citizen of the County to take seriously into consideration his part in the program designed to make the 1909 Pickens County Fair the most successful exploitation of native resources ever brought to pass in the Piedmont section of South Carolina. In this effort the co-operation of the entire people is necessary in order to insure that measure of success which our people, conscious of their merits and capacities, are learning to require as the just and proper expression of their deserts.

There is no reason why the 1909 Fair should not exceed in compass and excellence the exhibition given in 1908, and everybody knows that the display of farm products and native resources, developed and undeveloped, of Pickens County in the 1908 Fair was a revelation not only to people without the County, but to many of even our progressive citizens who have always been alert to the development and advantages of Pickens County. The real explanation of the surprises with which much of the 1908 Fair was greeted lies in the fact that our farmers have studied their soil and learned of the means and methods peculiarly adapted to each character of soil—they have studied improved methods of husbandry and are developing in many ways through improved conveniences, and the highest cultivation of soils, until they are beginning to realize that Pickens County affords unlimited opportunities to the wide awake citizen who desires to succeed and is willing to put forth the means and exertion requisite thereto. All this means something for our people whether they live in town or in the country.

The awakening sentiment of the public speaks the progress of schools, and measures the advancement of a broader and a more availing intelligence, and these opportunities are being appropriated to the advantage of the present citizenship, and will insure to the benefit of the next generation.

All this only an introduction to the one wish which we expect to insist upon from now until the Pickens County Fair in 1909 shall have been consummated in a happy success: Let every man, woman and child who feels an interest in his community lay the burden upon his heart of providing some exhibit for this Fair because this is your country, and we want to demonstrate to the balance of South Carolina that Pickens county is the best county in the State, just as we know it is, but upon which self-evident fact the balance of the world only needs a little information.

## Back To The Old Way

Dr. A. R. Wright of Rendree Ga., a member of the legislature of said state, recently introduced a bill making it a criminal offence for women to ride astride in the State of Georgia. There is no doubt about the passage of the bill because the representative stated he made a thorough canvass of the entire house before he attempted to introduce the bill. No doubt Dr. Wright will be severely criticised by the feminine sex, and especially those who will suffer by the passage of this bill, but from an impartial and unbiased standpoint we cannot but feel such a law will be to the benefit of those who participate in the sport. Dr. Wright did not introduce the bill from a political standpoint, but from the standpoint of a physician, therefore, if horse back riding astride is injurious and detrimental to women then it is the duty of the legislature to prohibit same.

No argument has been made setting forth any reason why the genteel and eminently proper side saddle should be discarded for the present method resorted to by the fair sex. No doubt this bill will provoke consider-

able discussion, but in this day and time no one is exempt from criticism and rebuke, not even the benevolent. Representative Wright is an honest and upright citizen, a man who thoroughly understands what the word duty means, and this one act will serve as a monument to his family and friends and be a guiding star to the parents who permit their daughters to participate in the sport ignorantly of its physical injury.

It's a daring person who will predict these days that it won't rain.

## A Method of Eradicating the Wild Onion.

The Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, has now ready for distribution a circular giving a detailed discussion of the wild onion problem and outlining a plan whereby the pest can be exterminated. This will be sent free to any person requesting it.

## VALUE OF DRAGGING ROADS.

### How Farmers Can Make Boulevards Out of Neglected Rural Highways.

The Mount Joy Star and News of Pennsylvania tells in one of its issues of how a farmer in that locality has been making good roads by his own individual effort. The newspaper item reads as follows:

Frank L. Nissley, a progressive farmer residing at Banford, believes in having good roads and is so emphatic on the subject that he keeps nearly half a mile of new dirt road adjoining his farm in repair at his own expense for his satisfaction and to prove to the taxpayers how well it can be done with little expense. To carry out his plans he set to work and constructed a double or split drag of the King style. This drag he made himself of logs and other material lying around the farm, so that he could have the only thing that it cost him was a few hours of labor.

Every farmer has the material lying around his farm to build such a drag, and every farmer has enough mechanical ability to build it, as it requires no special skill and matters not how rough its construction is. Then, too, all the farmers have some spare time to make the drag if they apply the time to it.

After every rain that the road gets a little uneven Mr. Nissley hitches a horse to the drag, runs it over the road as far as his land adjoins the road, and the result is that the road along his farm is always nice and smooth when the road along his neighbors' farms is rough and full of ruts.

The Nissley plan of improving the roads will go far toward establishing a road road system. It makes no big fuss about the road, but goes about it in a quiet manner and does it, and the results show for themselves. The fact that the road is better along his farm than any other place in the neighborhood is evident to all those who use the road, and doubtless in the near future some of his neighbors will follow his example.

This, however, we do not think is the right way to keep public roads in repair, as they should be maintained at the expense of the public and not individually by each landowner. Doubtless Mr. Nissley's progressive movement will enthrone the supervisors of East Hempfield township to a full realization of their real duties, and doubtless in the near future the township will have a drag which will be run over all the roads of the township whenever they get rough, and then all the points of the drag will practically be smooth all the time.

One man and two horses can in two days go over all the roads in a township, and such work might be necessary about a dozen times a year. The entire cost of this will not amount to \$10 a year, but will do more road than a thousand dollars a year spent on the roads with a gang of fifty or more men, with plows and scrapers, going over the township once a year, as is now the plan used by most supervisors.

There are a great many different kinds of systems advanced for improving our country roads. One of the simplest and one which every individual farmer can employ today without any money and with much benefit to his road is the system of dragging the dirt road by his farm by the split log road drag. Farmers can make such a drag in a few hours by simply splitting a log in half eight feet long. If the farmer takes these split pieces, the split surface facing to the front, and fasten them with stout staves three feet apart, according to the directions given by Mr. King of Maitland, Mo., the inventor of the drag, the farmer will have a simple road implement that will make a fine, smooth country boulevard out of the worst neglected dirt road in the community. The secret of successful road-making with the road drag will depend upon dragging the road after every rain, filling in the ruts, smoothing out the uneven places and building a high crown in the middle of the road, so that the water will run into the side ditches instead of standing in the middle, and most of all—doing it. Talking does not keep a dirt road repaired. Neither does excuse finding. One hour of drag work immediately after a rain does the trick, nothing else.

## GOOD SAND FOR ROADS.

### Value of Waste Product From California Oil Wells.

Two hundred tons of rich black oil sand from the Sunset wells at Visalia, Cal., will be used on some of the roads of Tulare county, in California, this summer. Superintendent Twaddle, chairman of the county governing board, has been experimenting and found it satisfactory. The sand comes from the wells mixed with the oil. When this flows into the sump below the sand sinks to the bottom and separates itself, the oil running off. Gradually the sand piles up around the derricks and at the mouth of the pipe and fills a large part of the sump. There are piles forty feet deep on the Adelino, Maricopa road, Oil and Gate City properties, which have accumulated in the course of four or five years. The sand coming with this heavy oil is different from that found with the lighter oils, even that with the Kern oil product.

Those who have tried it say it is superior for roads to any common sand that may be mixed with oil. It has a

binding quality that is lacking in artificial products. Before its adoption in Tulare county it was used quite a little on highways in the immediate vicinity of the oil fields, it being given to whoever would haul and haul it away. A wide use of this by-product by roadmakers will be a boon to the heavy oil producers of Sunset by ridding them of a nuisance and transforming it into a source of revenue.

**Value of Good Roads to Farms.**  
It has been said that "good roads lead from good farms to good towns," and it seems a direct way of starting the fact. Wherever there are good roads leading into a town that town is invariably an active and up to date business community. Whenever good roads run through a farming region the farms are found well kept, the houses bright and in good repair, and the outbuildings show an air of snug comfort and prosperity.

## MEER OPINION.

Sympathy never moistened a parched throat.

The man who waits for just the right time to start never gets anywhere.

If every woman could trace her descent from a king sorrow would never again find lodgment in a feminine breast.

Most men who claim to have strong convictions would have little left if they were to be deprived of their prejudices.

Uses of Adversity.  
The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without adversity.—Bishop Hall.

If.  
Many a man who loves his neighbor as himself would be in serious trouble if his wife knew it.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams*



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Pickens.

By J. B. Newberry, Probate Judge:

WHEREAS, B. C. Robinson made suit to me, to grant him letters of Administration de bonis non of the estate and effects of Mrs. M. C. Robinson. These are therefore to site and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. M. C. Robinson deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Pickens on the 29th day of July 1909 next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 15th day of July Anno Domini 1909.  
J. B. NEWBERRY, [Seal]  
J. P. C.

## Summons for Relief.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Pickens.

Court of Common Pleas.

Summons for Relief—Complaint Served

I, M. Mauldin, Plaintiff,

against

Ben R. Tolbert, Defendant.

To the Defendant above named:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office at Pickens Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Date July 26, A. D. 1909.

Morgan & Mauldin,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the absent defendant, Ben R. Tolbert:

Please take notice that the complaint in the above stated action, and the summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, were filed in the office of A. J. Boggs, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Pickens County, S. C., on July 26th, A. D. 1909.

Morgan & Mauldin,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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All low cut shoes at cost. A bargain lot of trousers. Some as low as \$1.00, worth two to three dollars.

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Lemons have gone to \$9.00 a box in N. Y. It is predicted they will go to \$10.00. I have a fresh lot on hand. Use plenty of lemons in hot weather, they are not only refreshing but healthy.

I have the tea suitable for hot or cold, in 5 and 10c pkgs.

I have a high grade coffee, parched, 40c per lb. You will like every thing about this except the price seems high, but it is worth it.

Bring me lots of chickens and eggs.

T. D. HARRIS.

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## S.C. Buff Orpingtons

WINNINGS: Pickens, S. C. Poultry Show, Dec. 24, '08, out of 5 Birds Shown, Won 1st and 2nd and 3rd Prizes.

Greenview, S. C. Poultry Show, Jan. 12-15, '09, out of 4 Birds Shown, Won 3rd and 4th Prizes, 1st and 2nd and 3rd Prizes.

W. E. HENDRICKS.

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Will sell or swap you two good bicycles, one with coaster brake.

Will swap you good sewing machine. One good sewing machine, "American" for sale for \$10.00.

Good cooking stove for sale, for \$4.00, including new vessels.

One new, latest improved drop head sewing machine for sale for \$2.50. This machine retails for \$5.

One fine drop head, new sewing machine to exchange for a good milch cow.

One new 2 1/2 h.p. gasoline engine for sale for \$7.00. Retail price \$15.00.

One splendid gasoline engine, new guaranteed, 2 1/2 h.p. engine retails for \$15.00, to swap for good horse.

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Wholesale & retail sewing machine, in good fix for \$1.00.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

## THE LIBERTY BANK,

Located at Liberty, S. C., at the close of business June 23rd, 1909.

RESOURCES. LIABILITIES.

Deposits and Discounts \$89,869.77

Capital Stock Paid In \$25,000.00

Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid 7,631.70

Individual Deposits Subject to Check 18,918.73

Time Certificates of Deposit 16,481.77

Cashier's Checks 70.91

Deposits from Banks and Trust Companies 2,518.88

Deposits from Individuals 25.00

Deposits from Other Sources 615.91

Deposits from Cash Items 15.00

Total \$88,102.71

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF PICKENS.

Before me came H. C. SNIDER, Cashier of the above named Bank, who being duly sworn, says the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of said Bank.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of June, 1909.